

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

December 2, 2002

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President  
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Vice President  
Ms. Deborah Germano, Clerk  
Mrs. Margaret Gilman, Treasurer  
Mrs. Debra Mullins, Member  
Dr. Nels Anderson, Member  
Mr. Al Poindexter, Member  
Mr. Cameron Poindexter, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Melody Douglas, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Gary Whiteley, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Mr. Todd Syverson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ricky Simpson	Mrs. Paula Christensen
Mr. Justin Freestone	Mr. Gene Dyson
Mr. Ardin Freestone	Mrs. Terri Woodward
Mrs. Kathy Freestone	Mr. Rick Matiya
Mr. Dave Larson	Mr. Pete Sprague
Ms. Jenni Dillon	Mrs. Sylvia Reynolds
Mr. Sean Dusek	Mrs. Sara Moore
Mr. Jim White	Mrs. Kelley Smith
Mr. Sam Stewart	Mr. Tim Peterson
Mr. Hans Bilben	

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. A quorum of School Board members, Ms. Germano, Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. Mullins, Mr. Arness, Mr. Poindexter and Dr. Anderson, were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:14 p.m. Mrs. Mullins moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss negotiations tactics and strategies. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:33 p.m., Ms. Germano moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Absent/Excused
Mr. Joe Arness	Present

Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Mrs. Margaret Gilman	Present
Mr. Al Poindexter	Present
Mr. Cameron Poindexter	Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved with revisions to Item Number 11a.(4), Early Entrance, which was also removed from the Consent Agenda and renumbered as Item Number 11b.(1).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The School Board Minutes of November 18, 2002, were approved as printed.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented the Spirit of Youth Award to Mr. Justin Freestone, Soldotna High student.

The Board presented Golden Apple awards to Mrs. Linell McCrum, K-Beach Elementary teacher and Mrs. Jackie Ansotegui, K-Beach Elementary volunteer, for their service to the District.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. Arness reported that the Kenai Alternative School report was given by Mr. Gregg Willbanks at the school prior to the formal Board meeting.

Mr. Arness welcomed a number of high school students in the audience who were in attendance as part of a class assignment.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:** Dr. Peterson referred the Board to a letter in the information packet from the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association (KPSAA) regarding the establishment of a committee to study random drug testing for students who participate in extracurricular activities. She asked Mr. Arness to appoint two Board members to the committee.

Mr. Arness welcomed Assembly President, Pete Sprague.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson reminded Board members to sign up on the budget hearing schedule which begins January 15, 2003. She noted that a lease agreement report and information regarding the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam were included in the Board information packet. She reported that an update regarding 15-passenger vans is forthcoming. She thanked those who contributed input and participated as part of the Governor's Education Policy Transition Committee.

**BOARD REPORTS:** Mrs. Gilman reported that she, Dr. Peterson, and Mr. Arness recently served on the Governor's Education Policy Transition Committee. She thanked the public for their input and added that it was a good opportunity to hear community input regarding education issues and to understand how statewide decisions impact the Kenai Peninsula.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Outsourcing for Seward High School Baseball and Softball, New Teacher Assignments, and Budget Transfer, Early Entrance (moved to Item Number 11b.(1)).

**Outsourcing for Seward High School Baseball and Softball:** Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve the Seward High School Baseball and Softball outsource agreement for the 2002-2003 spring activity season.

New Teacher Assignments:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 2002-2003 school year for Holly L. Davis, Title I language arts/math teacher (temporary), Redoubt Elementary; Michael A. Houghton, science teacher, Chapman School; Angela Nelson, K-12 school psychologist (temporary), districtwide; Tania A. Patiro, science teacher, Grades 7-12, Voznesenka School; and Ada A. Sparks, language arts/drama, Seward Middle/High School.

Budget Transfer:

Mrs. Douglas recommended the Board approve budget transfer Number 129 for \$111,335 to move funds that will pay salaries and benefits for two teachers, two part-time aides, and a part-time nurse at Aurora Borealis Charter School.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 3. Mrs. Gilman seconded.

Ms. Germano removed Number 11a.(1), Outsourcing for Seward High School Baseball and Softball, from the Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried unanimously.

Ms. Germano asked if money from sponsor organizations that is designated to support outsource activities are deposited. Mr. Arness responded that sponsor organizations are not required to place money on deposit but are required to show where they expect the money to come from. Ms. Germano asked if the District receives a year-end report from each sponsor organization. She asked if the District has an obligation to follow-up with outsource activities under Title IX requirements for equitable funding.

Dr. Peterson stated that the District's issue regarding outsourced activities is whether the activity occurred. Ms. Germano stated that she wanted to make sure that outsource activities are equitably funded. Dr. Peterson agreed that a year-end report from organizations that sponsor outsource activities would be a good idea and added that she will check into the Title IX compliance issue.

Mr. Syverson stated that the number of students who participate in an activity might change and have twice as many boys as girls and so more money is spent on uniforms. He agreed that a year-end report from organizations that sponsor outsource activities would be a good idea.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Number 11a.(1), Outsourcing for Seward High School Baseball and Softball carried unanimously.

REVISIONS TO BP 3313 CONTRACTS, LEASES AND AGREEMENTS:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve revisions to BP 3133, Contracts, Leases and Agreements, in order to bring Board Policy in line with actual practice. The revisions do not require the district to solicit competitive bids for temporary school facilities in remote locations.

Ms. Germano stated that she does not support the revision to change the required quarterly report to annual report. Mr. Syverson stated that any new leases would require Board action.

Dr. Peterson suggested that the annual report be provided as well as the mention of any new contracts, leases, and agreements during the Superintendent's Report section of the agenda.

REVISIONS TO BP 3313 (continued):

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve revisions to BP 3313 Contracts, Leases and Agreements. Dr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve an amendment to keep the existing language requiring the District administration to provide quarterly contracts, leases and agreements reports to the Board instead of annually. Dr. Anderson seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Advisory Vote – YES

YES – Germano, Gilman, Mullins, Poindexter

NO – Anderson, Arness

Amendment carried.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

Early Entrance:

Mrs. Douglas recommended the Board approve the early entrance of a student in order to comply with state funding regulations. Mrs. Douglas explained that early entrance, which is handled outside of the IEP process, requires board action.

Mr. Poindexter moved the Board approve the revised version of the request for early entrance of a student. Mrs. Gilman seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT EXPULSION:

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the following: “It is recommended that student 2002-02 be expelled for one calendar year with the conditions as outlined in the memorandum from Superintendent Peterson.” Mr. Poindexter seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/  
COMMENTS:

Miss Angie Sheldon asked what would happen if the teachers decide to strike. Mr. Arness stated that he could not say anything.

Mr. Arness noted that students from Kenai Central High and Soldotna High were in the audience.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Mullins thanked the high school students for coming to the meeting. She wished those present a Happy Holiday.

Dr. Anderson requested an excused absence from the January 6 Board meeting. He stated that he appreciated the Kenai Alternative School report which was held prior to the meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS (continued):

Mrs. Gilman suggested that teachers give extra credit for students who speak to the Board during the meeting. She stated that the Kenai Alternative School visit was one of the best that she has witnessed and added that the students provided some very helpful information. She stated that the Kenai Alternative School appears to be a well-run school. She noted that the Kenai Central High School choir won the

Academic Award at the Allstate Choir Competition. She noted that a second grade student was chosen to sing the *Alaska Flag Song* at the governor's inauguration. She wished those present a Happy Holiday.

Mrs. Germano thanked the students in the audience for attending. She wished those present a Happy Holiday.

Mr. Arness appointed Ms. Germano and Mrs. Crawford to serve on the Custodial Services Study Committee; Mrs. Gilman and Mr. Poindexter to serve on the Budget Review Committee; and Mrs. Mullins, Dr. Anderson and Mr. Cameron Poindexter to serve on the Random Drug Testing Committee.

Mr. Arness asked Board members to sign up on the budget hearing calendar.

ADJOURN:

At 8:10 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Joe Arness, President

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Mrs. Deborah Germano, Clerk

The Minutes of December 2, 2002,  
were approved on January 6, 2003  
as written.